

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In a television receiver having the function of displaying a plurality of types of television program videos which differ in the aspect ratio,

a television receiver comprising:

means for judging, when channels are switched, whether or not a letter box is displayed on the previous channel and is also displayed on the new channel; and

means for moving, when it is judged that the letter box is displayed on the previous channel and is also displayed on the new channel, the position of the letter box displayed on the new channel from the position of the letter box displayed on the previous channel.

2. In a television receiver having the function of displaying a plurality of types of television program videos which differ in the aspect ratio,

a television receiver comprising:

means for judging, when channels are switched, whether or not a side panel is displayed on the previous channel and is also displayed on the new channel; and

means for moving, when it is judged that the side panel is displayed on the previous channel and is also displayed on the new channel, the position of the side panel displayed on the new channel from the position of the side panel displayed on the previous channel.

3. In a television receiver having the function of displaying a plurality of types of television program videos which differ in the aspect ratio,

a television receiver comprising:

calculation means for calculating, when a letter box is displayed, the average value of luminances in areas respectively composed of upper and lower side edges in the television program video; and

means for moving, when the average value of the luminances which is calculated by the calculation means is lower than a predetermined value, the display position of the letter box.

4. In a television receiver having the function of displaying a plurality of types of television program videos which differ in the aspect ratio,

a television receiver comprising:

calculation means for calculating, when a side panel is displayed, the average value of luminances in areas respectively composed of left and right side edges in the television program video; and

means for moving, when the average value of the luminances which is calculated by the calculation means is lower than a predetermined value, the display position of the side panel.

5. In a television receiver having the function of

displaying a plurality of types of television program videos which differ in the aspect ratio,

a television receiver comprising:

scene change detection means for detecting, when a letter box is displayed, that a scene change occurs; and means for moving, when the scene change detection means detects that the scene change occurs, the display position of the letter box.

6. In a television receiver having the function of displaying a plurality of types of television program videos which differ in the aspect ratio,

a television receiver comprising:

scene change detection means for detecting, when a side panel is displayed, that a scene change occurs; and means for moving, when the scene change detection means detects that the scene change occurs, the display position of the side panel.